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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NYERERE RESPONDS FAVORABLY TO VANCE SPEECH

1. PRESIDENT NYERERE ASKED ME TO HIS MSASANI HOUSE NIGHT OF JUNE 21 TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN LISTENING TO THE RADIO, BBC, AS WELL AS VOA, ALL DAY; AND THAT HE SIMPLY WANTED TO SAY THAT HE WAS VERY HAPPY ABOUT SECRETARY VANCE'S SPEECH. IT SOUNDED LIKE THE US DID IN FACT UNDERSTAND AFRICA. HE WANTED TO EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION.

2. I GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH WHICH I HAD BROUGHT WITH ME AND SAID I FOUND HIS REMARKS TONIGHT MUCH MORE PLEASANT LISTENING THAN THOSE I HAD HEARD A WEEK AGO THURSDAY. NYERERE LAUGHED AND SAID THAT THE RIGHT TO CRITICIZE ALSO INVOLVED THE OBLIGATION TO EXPRESS APPROVAL WHEN IT WAS MERITED.

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3. I MENTIONED DON MCHENRY'S TRIP TO LUANDA FOR MUTUALLY-AGREED BI-LATERAL DISCUSSIONS. NYERERE SAID HE WAS VERY HAPPY ABOUT THAT TOO. "THOSE PEOPLE THERE REALLY WANT TO WORK SOMETHING OUT WITH YOU. I HOPE ALL GOES WELL."

4. MOST OF THE REST OF THE CONVERSATION WAS ABOUT MY RECENT VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA. NYERERE WAS KEENLY INTERESTED, AND

VOLUNTEERED THAT
HE HATED APARTHEID BUT IT WOULD TAKE TIME TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT
IT. ARMED ATTACK FROM OUTSIDE WOULDN'T HELP. THE BEST THING
WAS TO GET RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, AND ALL THE OTHER COUNTRIES
AROUND SOUTH AFRICA FREE AND SUCCESSFUL. THEN VORSTER WOULD
HAVE TO DO SOMETHING AND IT MIGHT EVEN BE EASIER FOR HIM
TO DO SO.

5. COMMENT: NYERERE'S LAST THEME (PARA 4 ABOVE) IS ONE WE
MIGHT FIND USEFUL IN SOME OF OUR OWN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE
SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION. HIS GENUINE EXPRESSION OF ADMIRATION
FOR THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH (PARA 1) SUGGESTS THAT PORTIONS OF
THE SPEECH COULD BE EFFECTIVELY REUSED IN SETTING FORTH OUR
POSITION IN OTHER FORA. FOR EXAMPLE, IN RESPONDING TO NYERERE'S
LAST LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER, IT COULD SAVE TIME AND SPACE
IN REPLYING TO MANY OF NYERERE'S POINTS BY SIMPLY REFERRING
TO THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH.
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